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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Council

SUBJECT: Request from House Foreign Affairs Committee -

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1. This is not a crank letter. It indicates an awareness of Communist developments and their implications which would be imposing had it been developed from personal reading of the lay adult. It is astonishing to discover that the letter was written by a person engaged in "research" on a facet of the very problem which is discussed. The writer seems to be unfamiliar with both the professional and non-professional literature in the field in which his research is being carried forward. Finally, the writer appears completely unfamiliar with the manner in which the government establishment systematically releases through a host of different avenues classified information which can be useful to research scholars.

2. There are several major research studies which analyze in detail the very area which he proposes to investigate. These are books or monographs prepared by senior research scholars, one of which was reviewed chapter by chapter by a distinguished committee of the Council on Foreign Relations on which Mr. Amory sat [REDACTED]. The material for several of these books was further checked by this Office and wherever classified material would contribute, every effort was made to sanitize it for the author's use. Two of the authors [REDACTED] were competent to identify official releases of data and combine them most effectively with normal open sources. This Office contributed directly to the State White Papers and the Joint Committee Report. The respective works are:

Berliner, Joseph; Soviet Economic Aid; Praeger; New York; 1958.

Allen, Robert L.; Soviet Economic Warfare; Public Affairs Press; Washington, D. C.; 1959.

Kovner, Milton; The Challenge of Coexistence; Public Affairs Press; 1961.

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Aubrey, Henry G.; Coexistence, Economic Challenge and Response; National Planning Assn.; Washington; 1961.

Donnelly & Nove; Trade with Communist Countries; Hutchinson & Co.; London; 1960.

US Congress, Joint Economic Committee; Comparison of the United States & Soviet Economies; 86th Congress 1st Session; 1959.

US Department of State; Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Offensive in Less-Developed Areas; Washington, D. C.; 1958.

The Communist Economic Threat; Washington, D. C.; 1959.

Communist Economic Policy in the Less Developed Areas; Washington, D. C.; 1960.

3. There have been a score or more major scholarly and popular articles in journals each year for the past six years. Many of these articles have appeared in the technical journals and examine facets of this program in great detail. Thus, although few people — including research scholars apparently — read this fulsome output, it exists nevertheless and full advantage of it is taken by researchers in this Office as well as those at major universities.


4. It is true that there is no complete synthesis of both classified and unclassified materials because isolated pieces of classified information must be withheld to assure continuing access to the information through sensitive sources. This problem will always be with us. Nevertheless, even such highly classified fragments become incorporated in regional and Bloc aggregated analyses and so are available in evaluating the Bloc program generally.

5. An analysis of the Bloc foreign economic program and the general Bloc economy is the principal research task of this Office. It is partially discharged by the great volume of reports which are published annually by the Office. There are two comprehensive series of publications produced by the Economic Intelligence Committee of USIB which are specifically responsive in the area covered by the subject letter. One is a semi-annual report and the other a bi-weekly report. The former constitutes a six-month review and general review of Bloc economic activity in the less-developed countries of the Free World and the latter analyzes and reports on current developments in

the same field. Material from each of these series is systematically sanitized where possible and made available to the Department of State and through State to Commerce and AID to use in congressional and public releases.

6. The Office of National Estimates is continuously engaged in production of general appreciations of the Bloc as a whole and of the individual nations, regions and principal activities of the Bloc. Private research organizations do the same sort of thing for commercial and industrial customers.

7. This young gentleman simply hasn't been sufficiently engaged in research yet to know that there are other researchers than himself around. It is always a happy day when — and of course if — a researcher discovers the presence and the contribution of others.


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